

Thamudic B

Thamudic B is a Central Semitic language and script concentrated in Northwest Arabia with attestations in Syria, Egypt, and Yemen. A single Thamudic B text mentions the king of Babylon, which suggests that it was composed before the fall of the kingdom in the middle of the 6th century BCE.

Characteristics

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Region	Northwest Arabia, occasionally Syria, Egypt or Yemen
Era	c. 6th century BCE
Language family	Afroasiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Semitic ▪ Central Semitic ▪ Thamudic B
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	–

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1. The suffix morpheme of the prefix conjugation in the first person is *-t*, as in Arabic and Northwest Semitic, as opposed to the *-k* of Ancient South Arabian and Ethiopic.
2. The dative preposition is *nm*, which appears to be an assimilated form of an original **lima*.
3. The consonant */n/* often assimilates to a following contiguous consonant, *?t̪t* from earlier **'Vnt̪at* and *?t* from earlier **[?anta]*.
4. Imperatives are often augmented by the energic suffix, *-n*.^[1]

References

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